

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

1. (Canceled)
2. (New) A reset lockout device for resetting a switch having a circuit interrupter from a tripped state to a conducting state comprising:
 - a spring loaded reset button coupled to move into the switch when pressed,
 - a contact arm having at least one conductive path contact located within the switch adapted to assume a stressed position when the switch is in a conducting state and an unstressed position when the switch is in a tripped state,
 - a latching member coupled to swing from a pivot which moves with the reset button to engage and hold the contact arm in the unstressed position when the switch is in the tripped state, and
 - an electro-mechanical actuator coupled to be energized by depressing the reset button to cause the latching member to pivot first out of engagement with the contact arm and then pivot back to again engage the latching member to position and hold the contact arm in its stressed position.
3. (New) The reset lockout device of claim 2 wherein the spring loaded reset button is coupled to a finger having a pivot surface for pivotly receiving the latching member.
4. (New) The reset lockout device of claim 3 wherein the latching member supports a latching finger adapted to engage the contact arm.
5. (New) The reset lockout device of claim 4 wherein the latching finger engages one side of the contact arm when the contact arm is in the unstressed position and the opposite side of the contact arm when the contact arm is in the stressed position.
6. (New) The reset lockout device of claim 5 wherein the electro-mechanical actuator is momentarily energized when the spring loaded reset button is depressed.

7. (New) The reset lockout device of claim 5 wherein depressing the reset button urges the latching finger to move the contact arm into engagement with a contact to energize the electro-mechanical actuator which, upon being energized, first urges the latching finger out of engagement with the contact arm to de-energize the electro-mechanical actuator to then urge the latching finger to pivot back toward the contact arm.